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SONG 4: SOLITUDE

Ooh!!!

Thewill duckcame!!

looksgood that

came came!!

tasty tasty

reallylooks tasty

looks tasty

.....

Letsdoit!!!

?

Ooooh!!

OI!!!

JACK!!

HIP TO WHERE DO YOU PLAN ON RUN-NING?!!

I'M JUST MAKING SURE THAT THERE ARE NO ENE-MIES LYING IN AMBUSH.

DO YOU EVEN UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF AN ESCORT/?

HNN?

IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE AFTER THE GOODS...

THEN LET'S BEAT THEM BEFORE THEY CAN DO IT.

NO!!!

NATSUME -DONO, THOSE ARE...

YES...

BUT...

THE OPPONENTS ARE JUST GOBLINS. LET'S JUST LOOK AT THE SITUATION.

BE-SIDES...

I DESIRE TO SEE

JUST HOW MUCH PROWESS DOES RIDLEY-SAMA BEAR.

Ukekek
ekeeh

Weare
thegob
lintrio!!!

leave
themthere
leave
themthere

BUT CAPTAIN, THESE GUYS JUST SAID THEY ARE A TRIO?

EH!?

CALM DOWN, YOU TWO. WE HAVE FOUR PEOPLE AND THE ENEMIES ARE ONLY TWO. THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF.

CAPTAIN!! THERE ARE GOBLINS!!

WHAT?

!!!

RIGHT

IT'S HERE.

I saw it from the start

CAPTAIN!!

IN THE ROYAL KNIGHTS' CODE, THE LIFE OF THE HOSTAGE IS THE PRIORITY AND THE NEGOTIATIONS...

.....

UHOO WHAT SHOULD I DO?

THIS MAN...

CAPTAIN!! WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

WE'RE IN TROUBLE. I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING!

...THEN CAPTAIN, LET'S PROCEED TO THE NEGOTIA-TIONS.

PLEASE LEAVE IT TO ME!!

AH, THAT'S IT! NEGOTIATIONS!!

RIDLEY-SAN, THAT'S AN ACHIEVEMENT!!

eatgoat?

WHAT IS IT THAT YOU DESIRE?

WHY DON'T WE SOLVE THIS IN A PEACEFUL CONVERSATION?

WE CAN'T HAVE VIOLENCE!!

then illkill thisguy

WA- WAIT A SECOND!

EATING THE HARD WORKING GOAT-SAN, ISN'T IT TOO CRUEL!!

WE CAN'T COMPLY WITH THAT REQUEST!!

THAT'S NO GOOD!!!

ITS SHIRI TORI

IFYOUWIN WELLLET YOUPASS SAFELY!!

HA!?

IFTHE GOATISNO GOODTHEN LETSPLAY AGAME

SHIRITORI, WAS IT? WE JUST HAVE TO WIN?

IT MAY BE A TRAP, BUT WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DO IT!!

THENWELL GOFIRST

CAPTAIN, THIS PROBABLY IS A TRAP.

Pine?
(PA - I - N)

PA

PA...

GO
RILLA
(GO - RI - RA)

TRUM
PET
(TRA - P - PA)

TL NOTE: IT'S AN INSTANT LOSS TO SAY A WORD ENDING IN 'N'

WAI...

WAITA
MINUTE
!!

YES, IT'S
FINISHED.

HES RIGHT!!
WHYDID NTYA DOAS ISAID!!
YOU IDIOT!!
O...OKAE FROMNOW
IN THE FIRST PLAC EYOU !!
NOTSAYIN GANYMORE PROPER THINGIT SALL YA FAULT!!
AH
AAH !?
YASAY SUCH THING!!
?
WHAT YA SAY!?
EATSST RATEGY TIME
WAIT EBIT!!
ITSTHE FAULTUF BOTHOFYA!! WORDOFLEAD ERSERABSO LUTE!!!
WHATYA SAYING!!
NORMAL LYLEADER TAKERE SPONSI BILITY!!

THEN YOU

FROM NOWON DISQUALIFIED ASLEADER!!

hey, the goat?

YOU SHUTUP !!

why become likethat !?

DONTSAY MESSEDUP THINGS!!

ILL BELEAD ERNEXT

WE'RE HERE!!!

YES, SIR!!

I'M GIVING YOU THANKS FOR LEADING US WITHOUT HARM!

YOU DID GOOD WORK.

FROM NOW ON, YOU'RE FREE TO COME TO EARTH VALLEY ANYTIME YOU WANT.

BRING THESE KIDS TOO.

LET'S MEET AGAIN.

I SEE, UNTIL WE GET HOME WE WILL JUST BE SIGHTSEEING, RIGHT?

JACK-SAN, THE MISSION IS NOT YET FINISHED.

OUR MISSION IS UNTIL WE HAVE REPORTED TO THE KNIGHT'S CHIEF OF STAFF, LARKS-SAMA, THE RESULTS.

RIGHT.

AS I THOUGHT, HE WAS IN A PICNIC MOOD...

CAPTAIN

WHAT DO WE DO AFTER WE FINISH A MISSION?

ALTHOUGH WE PANICKED A BIT WHEN WE WERE ATTACKED BY GOBLINS,

EVERYONE STILL FULFILLED THEIR ROLES AND WAS ABLE TO DEAL WITH IT WITHOUT ANY CASUALTIES.

YES, SIR!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

——FIRST OF ALL, IT'S GOOD THAT YOU'RE BACK IN ONE PIECE

HOW WAS YOUR FIRST MISSION?

AFFIRMATIVE, SIR.

AH...

AND PLEASE

THIS...

YOU ALL MUST BE EXHAUSTED.

COLLECT AND PRESENT THE DETAILS IN THE WRITTEN REPORT.

THEN THAT IS WONDERFUL.

IT IS A LETTER ADDRESSED TO HIS MAJESTY, THE KING, FROM THE EARTH VALLEY ELDER CHIEF, GONOVITCH-DONO

BEING KNIGHTS, EVEN RESTING IS PART OF YOUR JOB, AFTER ALL

YES, SIR!

THEN WITH THIS, YOUR TASK IS COMPLETE.

YOU ARE DISMISSED AND MAY TAKE YOUR REST

I UNDERSTAND.

I'LL TAKE CHARGE OF THIS.

WHY ARE YOU SPECIFICALLY SAYING MY NAME?

ehhhh-

IS THAT GOOD, JACK-SAN!!!

AS LARKS -SAMA HAS SAID, A KNIGHT'S REST IS FOR TOMORROW'S MISSION

DON'T LOITER INSIDE THE CASTLE AND PROPERLY SLEEP

AS FOR RIDLEY -SAN

I'VE BEEN IN YOUR CARE

AND CLIVE-SAN WILL BE RETURNING TOWARDS THE PRIEST GUILD AFTER ALL

YOU WON'T BE FINDING THE CASTLE INTERIOR AS UNUSUAL

BUT LOOKING BACK, I WASN'T EVEN ABLE TO BE OF HELP FOR A BIT.

NO NO, IT'S MORE ON OUR PART

TH-

THAT'S NOT TRUE AT ALL!!

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ALL I WAS SAYING WAS "RIGHT"

WELL THEN, I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DAY THAT WE WILL BE OF COMPANY ONCE AGAIN

I'LL MAKE IT SO THAT YOU CAN RECEIVE THE RECOMPENSE IN OLACION

PLEASE STAY TO BE THE SAME CLIVE-SAN ALL THE TIME.

CLIVE-SAN MADE THE ATMOSPHERE CALMER!!

I ALMOST MADE HIM SELF-CONSCIOUS OF THE FACT THAT HE DIDN'T DO MUCH HELP.

WHEW

THAT WAS CLOSE

NOOOW~

HA?

WHAT SHALL I DO FROM HERE ON—?

THINK-ING SO...

I'M SOMEWHAT SUDDENLY TIRED...

NOW THEN, THANKS FOR THE HARD WORK,

REALLY... I CAN'T GO WITH THIS GUY!!!

I'LL RETURN TO MY ROOM!!

WEREN'T YOU LISTENING TO WHAT LARKS-SAMA WAS SAYING!?

HE SAID "REST IS PART OF YOUR WORK"...

BUT RESTING MEANS FREE TIME, AFTER ALL~

AH... AAH...

JACK —!!!

AH!

PLEASE FORGIVE ME.

Nina Harlin
A Knight apprentice admiring Natalie

I WANT YOU TO HELP ME PRACTICE ...

AH! OKAY!

HEY, ARE YOU FREE?

WHY IT'S NINA.

THAT GUY ALREADY HAS A FRIEND ...?

WHAT ...?

.....

.....

THAT'S RIGHT, SINCE COMING HERE, I——

FRIEND, HUH...

ドク ドク

Hah

!

HEY!

WE'LL BE GOING TO TRAIN FROM HERE ON.

RIDLEY, WHY DON'T YOU JOIN US TOO!!!

.....

NO ...

I'M...

I AM—

FINE...

I STILL HAVE SOMETHING TO DO!!

AH...

I WON'T GO!!

YEAH

WE'RE BOTH IN ROSE COCHON, SHE'S A COMRADE!

WH...

AHHHHHHHH

WHAT WAS THAT ...?

Saying she'll be going back

?

EH! THAT PERSON IS JACK'S ACQUAINTANCE?

HER NAME'S RIDLEY...

ALTHOUGH HE'S AN ANNOYING GUY WHENEVER I SCOLD HIM——

MEAN-WHILE THAT TIME——

DUE TO LETTER THAT ROSE COCHON DELIVERED FROM THE DWARVES

THE ROYAL ASSEMBLY ABOUT "THE PEACE AND TRADE WITH THE FAIRYKIND" POLITICAL MEASURES DRIVEN BY JASNE IS BEING HELD

.....!?!

WHAT AM I THINKING !!?

WHATEVER THAT GUY THINKS ISN'T ANY OF MY CONCERN!!!!

SUDDENLY RUNNING AWAY...

THAT GUY...

HE DEFINITELY THOUGHT "I WAS STRANGE——

WHAT AM I DOING ...!?

.....

WE'LL HAVE THE GUILDS INVESTIGATE ABOUT THIS, ONCE.

EVEN CONSIDERING THE MARKET PRICE UP TO NOW, IS AN OUT-RAGEOUS PRICE INDEED...

THIS REALLY...

IF WE MAKE THE INVESTIGATION INFORMAL, THE DWARVES WOULD HARDLY NOTICE IT.

I THINK IT IS A SOUND IDEA

YES...

EVEN IF IT WERE TO BE NOTICED, IT'S UNLIKELY TO FORM A RIFT BETWEEN US AND THE DWARF RACE.

Lucian Hewitt
- Chief Retainer, Jasse's close aide. She is entrusted with all of Jasse's political concerns since displaying a talent in politics.

LUCIAN, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

WHAT? ARE YOU SAYING WE SHOULD ENTRUST THE EARTH VALLEY INVESTIGATION TO THE GUILDS?

I KNOW THAT IT IS MORE DESIRABLE TO MAKE OUR DECISION AFTER HAVING A GRASP OF THE SITUATION.

YES, I'M THINKING THAT THE WARRIOR GUILD, THEATER VANCOOR WOULD BE GOOD.

.....

CROSS... DIDN'T YOU HEAR THE WORD "INFORMAL"?

THE KNIGHTS CANNOT BE DEPLOYED IN THIS INVESTIGATION

BUT...

SOMETHING LIKE RELYING ON A GUILD IS UNREASON-ABLE...

LARKS-SAMA, JASNE-SAMA, PLEASE ENTRUST THAT RESPONSIBILITY TO MY NOIRE MOUTON!!!

Cross Ward

Heir of the distinguished Ward House. A big wheel that became the Noire Mouton Captain at a young age.

OUR RADIATA KINGDOM HAS ALWAYS BEEN SURROUNDED BY THE FAIRYKIND, AND THE SITUATION HAS BEEN UNSTABLE...

FROM THERE, IN ORDER TO MITIGATE OUR RELATIONS WITH THE FAIRYKIND, I'M THINKING OF ISSUING A SOVEREIGN MESSAGE AND STARTING DIPLOMACY WITH THE LIGHT ELVES.

WE HAVE ANOTHER MATTER REGARDING DIPLOMATIC ISSUES.

WELL THEN, JASNE-SAMA

YES...

PLEASE WAIT!!!

THEY WILL SURELY BRING CALAMITY TO MANKIND!! PLEASE GIVE IT CONSIDER-ATION...

GROSS...!!!

JASNE-SAMA!! ANY RACE BUT ELVES!!!

...N-

NO...

I BECAME TOO FORWARD

EVEN IF YOU ARE MY DAUGHTER'S FIANCE, I WILL NOT ALLOW ANY RECKLESS REMARK!!

DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH MY POLITICAL MEASURES?

YES

THEN LET US ENTRUST THE ROSE COCHON WITH THIS RESPONSIBILITY.

……

DEAR KING, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

THEY WERE ALSO GIVEN GRATITUDE BY THE DWARVES FOR HAVING ESCORTED THEM

THEN THE DUTY OF DELIVERING THE SOVEREIGN MESSAGE …

HOW ABOUT LEAVING IT TO THE ONES WHO'VE SHOWN ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE EARTH VALLEY, THE ROSE COCHON?

!!!

THEN

YE…

THE DETAILS WILL BE IN MY ROOM…

YES, SIR!!!

GANZ -KUN !!!

TAKE IT IN MIND AND MAKE THE MISSION A SUCCESS!!!

MAKE SURE THAT YOU DON'T GET INTO A DANGEROUS SITUATION EVEN IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE!!

DA…

SHIT…

NOW YOU'LL SEE…!!!

TA…

……

GOOD MORNING

CAPTAIN, MORNING!!

EVERYONE, GOOD MORNING.

THIS MISSION WAS PUT FORWARD BY RIDLEY'S FATHER, THE CHIEF RETAINER, JASNE-SAMA'S POLITICAL MEASURE TO THE "MITIGATION AND TRADE WITH THE FAIRIES"

AND WITH THAT, WE ARE BEARING THE EXPECTATION OF THE ENTIRE NATION!!

.....

Were we going to open a tea party with the Light Elves?

IT'S THE DELIVERY OF THE SOVEREIGN MESSAGE TO THE LIGHT ELVES!!

...LET ME ASK YOU THIS FIRST...

JACK-SAN, YOU DO UNDERSTAND THIS TIME'S MISSION, DON'T YOU?

UUUMM...

THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY HUMAN WHO HAVE ENTERED THEIR VILLAGE, THE CITY OF FLOWERS...

——HOWEVER, CAPTAIN...

REGARDING THE LIGHT ELVES, THEY ARE THE RACE THAT IS AVOIDING THE HUMANS THE MOST.

AAH...

IT'S AS YOU SAY... THAT IS WHY

THIS TIME, A SPECIALIST WILL BE COMING WITH US.

FORT HELENCIA

UWAH!

WHAT IS THIS STERN BUILDING!?

THIS GUY REALLY KNOWS NOTHING ...

YES, IT IS VERY FAMOUS.

EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT...

IS IT... FAMOUS?

THIS IS THE FAMOUS FORT HELENCIA

IS A HISTORICAL LANDMARK OF THE LAST AGE'S GREAT HUMAN-ELF WAR.

THIS FORT HAVING BEEN BUILT IN THE PAST CENTURY

DON'T JUST DOZE OFF.

WE'RE GOING.

HAA—

HERE, DELIVER THE SOVEREIGN'S MESSAGE.

THANKS FOR THE HARD WORK, ROSE COCHON!!

THANKS FOR THE EFFORT

NOW, LEONARD, LET'S HURRY.

—THEY'RE GONE

EH

EH

EH

EH

...JUST

WHEN CAN WE GO BACK TO OUR OWN MISSIONS?

EVEN IN THE PRESENT; AS A POINT FOR OBSERVING THE MOVEMENTS OF THE ELVES, THE ROYAL KNIGHTS ARE GARRISONED IN HERE.

HEEEEEEEH...

I had no idea...

AH!

THAT'S DEFINITELY HIM!! HE'S GENIUS-SAN!!

AH YES!!

HE IS VARETH MAGIC INSTITUTE'S GENIUS-SAN.

HE'S NAMED... GENIUS?

THAT SPECIALIST PERSON?

As if...

A guy like me?

HE IS SAID TO BE A PRODIGY*

HE'S REALLY AMAZING—

HE WAS ABLE TO BECOME A VARETH PROFESSOR IN THE YOUNG AGE OF 15

*T/L: YEAH A GENIUS NAMED "GENIUS"

GENIUS-SAN, FOR HIS RESEARCH,

LIVES SOMEWHERE NEAR THE LIGHT ELF VILLAGE

YES...

BUT DOES HE REALLY LIVE IN A REMOTE PLACE

HAVE THE CAPTAIN MET HIM?

NO...

BUT HE SHOULD BE AN EXCELLENT PERSON—

Appearing with no delay, when we are in a pinch and

handling the situation easily in no time.

He's surely that type of person———!!!

——IF THAT IS SO, THEN SHOULDN'T THE MEANING OF US COMING BECOMES——

GENIUS
-SAAAA
AAN!!!

WE ARE
THE ROSE
COCHON'S—

ゴゴゴ…